

I find this time in this session really rather extraordinary. The appropriations process should have been completed, my colleagues, by October 1. We were in the midst of an active campaign where everyone talked about education. Governor Bush talked about being the education President, talked about how important education is. And while we are here, holding up funding for education, talking about a billion more, a billion less, after there was an agreement between the chairs of the Committee on Appropriations on the Republican side and the ranking members on the Democratic side, there was an agreement to fund research at the National Institutes of Health, research for breast cancer, for Alzheimer's, for juvenile diabetes. There was an agreement to invest in education to create smaller class sizes, to modernize our schools, to increase the dollars for Pell grants to invest in education of our young people.

I am really puzzled, my colleagues, how we can continue debating this after an agreement was reached. I do not understand how those who are talking about working together in a bipartisan way can renege on an agreement to help our children. I do not understand why Governor Bush does not call up his friends, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), and say, "Let's get together, work in a bipartisan way, Democrats and Republicans, and pass that bill that the Republican chairs and the Democratic ranking member agreed on."

My colleagues, this is the time to complete our work. It is already 2 months after the appropriations process should have been completed. I would ask my friends on the other side of the aisle to go to the leadership and say, the time is now, we cannot delay any longer, there is an agreement on the table, we did agree to invest in after-school programs, modernizing our schools, smaller class sizes, expanding Head Start, expanding child care. There was an agreement.

I just want to say one other thing. As a Democrat, we are happy to reach across the aisle working with our colleagues in the appropriations process. No one gets everything they want, so let us get to work, complete this agreement, let us go home to our families and move on.

#### ANNOUNCING THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JULIAN DIXON

(Mr. CLYBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I wish at this time to make an announcement that is very tough for me to make. We just received word that our colleague JULIAN DIXON of California has passed. I wish at this time for the House to

stand at ease and for all of us to stand in silence and in our own way pray for him and his family and this body.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I just want to tell my colleagues that from this side of the aisle, the message that we just heard is accepted with profound grief.

I came to Congress with JULIAN DIXON. JULIAN DIXON was born here and was from California. He encompassed the Nation in terms of his personality, his politics and his way of dealing with people. We all have to face these very difficult life experiences, but this one is profoundly significant on this House.

JULIAN was a friend of all of ours and represents what was finest in this institution. I am just very sorry to hear it.

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Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, before yielding to the senior member from the California delegation, let me at this moment yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman mentioned, he will be yielding to the gentleman from California (Mr. STARK), the senior member of the California delegation, for a resolution. I know our distinguished Democratic leader is on the floor and will be yielded to as well.

But as the senior Member on the floor at this time when the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) is breaking this very sad news to us, I want to join my colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), as a fellow Californian and say on behalf of our delegation what a tragedy this is for us.

JULIAN DIXON has been a magnificent Member of Congress. He served in the State legislature before coming here. He has done some heavy lifting for this Congress. On the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and now as the ranking member on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and all of his work as a member of the Committee on Appropriations, he represented the values of our country in the struggle over budget priorities. On the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence he represented the strength of our country in the important work of that committee.

Most importantly though, he was a beautiful, lovely man. His work was imbued with a sense of fairness, a sense of great intellect, great balance, great willingness to be bipartisan, and everything on behalf of people in our country, so everyone would have an opportunity. We will say more in our California remarks.

I just want to close by saying that this is really what is known as a tragedy, a very unexpected loss to this House and to this Congress and to our

great country. So, as a Californian, as his colleague on the Committee on Appropriations, as a colleague on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I know the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) speaks from the standpoint of many capacities, including the Black Caucus, but my point is that everyone who came in contact with him in every way admired him, loved him, respected him.

I hope it is a comfort to his family that so many people share their loss and are mourning with them at this time and are praying with them.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The Chair will recognize the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) under a 5 minute special order until the privileged resolution is ready.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HONORABLE JULIAN C. DIXON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. MATSUI).

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, Mr. DIXON and I came in together in 1978, as the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) mentioned. Eleven Members from California came in 1978, new Members; and on the Democratic side it was Mr. DIXON, Tony Coehlo, Vic Fazio, and myself.

I have to tell you, this is a shocking moment for all of us in this body. JULIAN DIXON was the type of individual that was about the calmest person that I have ever come across. He is an individual that obviously Members looked to in terms of seeking advice. He was somebody that all of us in the California delegation saw as a moral compass of our State, and certainly in this body, the House of Representatives.

As long as there will be such an institution, JULIAN DIXON will be part of that, because his memory is in all of us, and it will be forever.

I obviously express my regards to his family and indicate how much we will miss him.

#### EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JULIAN C. DIXON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 671) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows: